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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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Dear Sir:

I run a small auto recycling business in Washington State. I am very concerned over the proposed Washington State Stormwater General Permit. The language in the permit is very hard for a layman to understand and what I do understand is vague at best. The requirements for copper are stricter than are required for my tap water at home.

These regulations will cause auto recyclers to close. The auto recycling industry provides a very important service to the state by carefully recycling and disposing of end of life vehicles. By continuing to regulate the main street recycling businesses you will force the end of life vehicles back to the hills. In the past year we have cleaned up 4 of these illegal operations in our area. Ecology needs to stop, listen and heed the needs of the auto wreckers of Washington.

Sincerely,



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